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Sir Knights:

The use of emblems in our Order, or in any other branch of Masonry, should not be a sentimental touch, as its swords, its uniforms, its solemn vows possess a deeper significance than appears on the surface.

The sword, for instance, is a symbol of the Holy Spirit in the hands of a true Christian, and it symbolizes courage and constancy in the defense of justice and liberty, and in the protection of the innocent, the helpless and the oppressed.

The plume, along with the Beauseant, constantly reminds the true Knight of the dark and terrible days when Christianity hung in the balance.

The uniforms do not cover hearts thirsting for pillage, but are in one common purpose to serve the Master in sincerity and symbolize fraternal friendship.

Somehow we feel that the motto of our order, "IN HOC SIGNO VINCES," catches up in one breathless phrase, one timeless utterance, the whole purpose and endeavor of Templary. The ceaseless struggle against passions, wiles of the world and sins in the human flesh, finds its ally in this commitment of Sir Knights -- "IN THIS SIGN CONQUER."

The world needs men of the highest character to shape the course that confronts the people of every land today. May we, as Knights Templars, work together for the consummation of our ideals and the application of the same in our lives and conduct.

If our Christian Order stands for the Christian Religion and the practice of the Christian Virtues, then we must put into practice in our everyday lives those high ideals and principles laid down by the Master.

J. HERBERT HINDS
Grand Commander.

Membership and Publicity Committee Report

Our report at this Semi Annual Conclave must of necessity be abbreviated because of incomplete returns being available.

As of now, we have received during the current Commandery Year, 735 new Petitions for membership, and from indications our gross total as of June 30th, should exceed 800 new Petitions, plus affiliations and reaffiliations to be taken into consideration.

This Commandery Year has every promise of being one of the most active, candidate-wise, for some considerable time. We believe, next to the year just past 1949-50, the net gain in membership will exceed that of many previous years. We particularly commend many of the smaller Commanderies for their efforts this year, notably: Trinity, Pilgrim, St. Paul, Narragansett, South Shore and others.

Much publicity has been given Templary throughout the Jurisdiction by Commanderies in the local areas. The leading activity being of course, Manning Bowl Ascension Service at Lynn, May 6th. More than 2000 Sir Knights in uniform formed on the field, with 15,000 persons in the stands. Truly a tribute to our great Christian Order, and a fitting memorial to our late departed Eminent Sir Robert W. Hutchinson, who originally conceived this great Outdoor Service.

John B. Naylor,
Chairman.

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Sir Knight Herbert F. Sawyer, Eminent Grand Sentinel, was recently honored by being voted an Honorary Member of the Grand Commandery of the State of Florida, also an Honorary Member of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Florida.

Congratulations, Herb!

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There was a young lady named Skipper,
Who took a night ride on the Clipper.
She dreamed and she dozed,
She awoke quite exposed,
For someone had pulled on her zipper!

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She wore a dress with a neckline low
enough to make a baby cry.

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Report of Inspector Instructor

All Commandery Inspections with the exception of one are now completed.

Marks given are as follows: Twenty 10-, ten 9+ , nine 9, nine 9-, and two were in the 8 class.

Fifteen Commanderies lost 3 to 23 points in attendance.

The five Commanderies attaining 490 or better were: Ivanhoe, Reading, Coeur de Lion, Worcester County, and Boston leading with a mark of 497.

Over a period of ten years, four Commanderies have received the 10- mark nine times, and they are: Boston, Worcester County, Haverhill and Beauseant.

Clyde L. Carter,
Inspector Instructor.

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May 16. Boston Commandery #2, Herman McStay, Eminent Commander, officially received Sir Knight J. Herbert Hinds, Rt. Em. Grand Commander, at one of the largest attended gatherings of the Commandery, when more than 400 Sir Knights sat down to dinner. The outstanding events were:

1. Official visitation of our Right Eminent Grand Commander.
2. Tribute to Sir Knight Andrew S. Seiler, Illustrious Potentate of Aleppo Temple.
3. Father-and-Son Night when Eminent Sir McStay knighted his own son, Donald S. McStay, and thirty-three other candidates.
4. Old-Timers' Night, with presentation of Thomas Smith Webb Medals by our Right Eminent Grand Commander, followed by entertainment.

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May 18. Ceremonial of Aleppo Temple. Our Right Eminent Grand Commander, J. Herbert Hinds, was officially received through the lines by Sir Knight Andrew S. Seiler, Illustrious Potentate, and presented an Honorary Membership in Aleppo Temple. The following Sir Knights were also officially received: Sir Knight Herbert N. Faulkner, Commander-in-Chief of Mass. Consistory, and Sir Knight Thomas S. Roy, Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts.

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...Then there is the one about the lawyer who sat up all night trying to break a widow's will.

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May 23. DeMolay Commandery #7, Alfred J. Conlan, Commander, held their annual "The Feast of Belshazzar," and worked the Order of the Red Cross upon a large class of candidates.

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The officers of Hugh de Payens #20 of Melrose, with their wives are making another pilgrimage to Hugh de Payens #19 of Euston, Pennsylvania, to attend the 91st Anniversary Breakfast of the latter Commandery on Sunday, June 17th. Fraternal relationship between these two Commanderies began in 1895 at the time of the Triennial in Boston.

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The following is an excerpt from a letter received from Dwight C.Page, Grand Sword Bearer:

> Harvey Goodwin, the Commander of Jerusalem #19, has made a special effort throughout the year to obtain good publicity for not only local but State and National K. T. events, as evidenced by the many clippings he has sent from time to time from both Fitchburg and Leominster papers, and I respectfully suggest that his effort is well worthy of commendation and recognition in the determination of Jerusalem's overall rating for the year....I would be derelict in a pleasant duty were I to fail to call to your attention the effort he has made to continue Jerusalem Commandery on the way to full recovery from the lethargy of previous years.

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Newburyport Commandery #3, St. John's Day Celebration: Once again your Commandery is called upon to participate in the St.John's Day celebration. This year your host will be the DeWitt Clinton Commandery of Portsmouth, N.H., and a very elaborate program has been arranged for that day - Here it is:
Place: Portsmouth, N.H.
Day: Saturday, June 23rd
9:30 A.M. to 10 A.M. Rededication ceremonies at the Asylum, Masonic Temple.
10:15 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. Commanderies assemble for parade at South Playgrounds, Parrott Ave. Parade starts from South Playgrounds PROMPTLY at 11:00 A.M.
12:45 P.M. Banquet at Junior High Gymnasium, South Playgrounds.
2:30 P.M. Ball Game at South Playgrounds, Parrott Ave. Across the street from Junior High School. For those wishing to play golf, arrangements have been made to use the Course at Portsmouth Country Club.
5:30 P.M. Buffet lunch Junior High School Gymnasium, South Playgrounds, Parrott Av.
7:00 P.M. Professional entertainment from Boston at the Junior High School Auditorium.
Tickets may be procured from the Committee Price $6.00 each. Not including transportation.
DRESS - Full Templar Uniform.
Busses will leave Amesbury at 9:00 A.M. and Masonic Temple, Newburyport, at 9:15.

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Someone has said that a friend is a bank of credit on which we can draw supplies of confidence, counsel, sympathy, help, and love. And that is true, for if you have a genuine friend, you possess riches greater than silver and gold.

Which, of course, brings us to the other side of the question: Are you, and am I, the kind of friend that others can treasure?

CHRISTIAN UNITY IN ACTION

Olivet Commandery, Knights Templar, has again presented to the public of Greater Lynn an imposing demonstration of Christianity. Its sixth annual Ascension Day outdoor service in Manning Bowl on Sunday, May 6th, attracting an audience of some 10,000, including 2,000 uniformed Knights from four states, brought together men and women of varying denominational choices, united, as the printed program said, "against oppression of every kind, and in a belief in the efficacy of Christ's teachings and example, to heal the wounds of a world beset by selfishness, intolerance and sin."

From the Daily Evening Item, Lynn.

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SEND YOUR ROSES NOW

When you love your friends sincerely
Let them know it!
When you treasure them, and dearly,
Try and show it!
Tell them now - and not tomorrow -
Give them joy - they have their sorrow.
Loving words cannot be said....
When they're dead!

COMMANDERIES	8 MOS.	MAY	TOTAL
St. Johns	40	0	40
BOSTON	58	2	60
Newburyport	8	3	11
Washington	5	0	5
Worcester County	36	2	38
Springfield	16	5	21
De Molay	22	0	22
Holy Sepulchre	15	0	15
Pilgrim	36	2	38
Palestine	10	0	10
Milford	1	8	9
St. Bernard	7	0	7
Calvary	27	2	29
Haverhill	17	1	18
Old Colony	9	1	10
Sutton	25	9	34
Bethany	10	0	10
Winslow Lewis	6	0	6
Jerusalem	6	1	7
Hugh de Payens	15	0	15
St. Omer	13	0	13
Berkshire	15	0	15
Conn. Valley	12	0	12
Woonsocket	0	0	0
God. de Bouillon	3	2	5
Joseph Warren	6	0	6
Narragansett	16	6	22
Bristol	3	0	3
Northmapton	4	0	4
South Shore	12	0	12
Trinity	27	0	27
Natick	10	0	10
Coeur de Lion	23	0	23
Gethsemane	22	0	22
Olivet	14	0	14
Athol	10	0	10
Bay State	5	4	9
Cyprus	1	1	2
St. Paul	11	1	12
Beauseant	8	2	9
Cambridge	4	0	4
Bethlehem	3	4	7
Orange	3	0	3
Ivanhoe	12	1	13
Quincy	11	0	11
Temple	11	2	13
St. Andrew	10	0	10
Reading	13	3	16
T. S. Webb	6	2	8
Sir Galahad	6	1	7
Winthrop	2	1	3
Total	665	66	731

ACCUMULATIVE

MONTH	1951	1950	1949	1948
Sept	63	52	53	48
Oct.	125	144	128	128
Nov.	185	185	186	202
Dec.	264	270	276	264
Jan.	345	391	377	328
Feb.	469	562	477	435
Mar.	557	813	550	491
Apr.	665	906	672	565
May	731	969	727	676
June		1040	773	705

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LEADERS

Boston	60
St. Johns	40
Pilgrim	38
Worcester County	38
Sutton	34
Calvary	29
Trinity	27
CoeurdeLion	23
Narragansett	22
Gethsemane	22
De Molay	22
Springfield	21

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PERCENTAGE GAIN

Trinity	15.5
Narragansett	13.7
Pilgrim	11.5
St. Paul	11.3
South Shore	9.1
St. Andrew	8.9
St. Bernard	8.9
Conn. Valley	8.8
Temple	8.4
Sutton	8.2
Natick	8.1
Ivanhoe	7.9
Athol	7.7
Coeur de Lion	7.3
Berkshire	6.8
Bethany	6.1

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EMINENT COMMANDERS:

WANTED

Petitions for MEMBERSHIP in the GREATEST CHRISTIAN ORDER on Earth.

These Petitions are required by June 30th to bring our NEW MEMBERSHIP over 800 this year.

WILL YOU DO YOUR PART?

Courteously yours,
JOHN B. NAYLOR
Chairman Membership and Publicity